

*Stated Meeting, January 7, 1887.*

Present, 24 members.

President, Mr. FRALEY, in the Chair.

Dr. Marshall, a lately-elected member, was presented to the Chair, and took his seat.

Correspondence was read as follows :

Acknowledgments were received from : Société Historie Littéraire, Artistique et Scientifique du Cher, Bourges (96-123); Royal Institution, Society of Antiquaries, Royal Horticultural Society, South Kensington Museum, Mr. R. W. Rawson, London; University Library, Cambridge; Prof. I. Geikie, Edinburgh; Free Public Library, New Bedford (123).

*Acceptance of Membership.*—Prof. Charles S. Dolley, Prof. Morton W. Easton, Dr. Hermann V. Hilprecht, Prof. James MacAlister, Dr. Wm. F. Norris, Prof. John A. Ryder, Philadelphia; Prof. Wm. B. Scott, Princeton, N. J.

Photographs were received for the Society's Album from Messrs. Wm. Blades and H. Carvill Lewis.

Accessions to the Library were reported from the Asiatic Society of Japan, Yokohama; Royal Asiatic Society (North China Branch), Shanghai; Messrs. R. Friedlander & Sohn, Berlin; Gartenbauverein, Darmstadt; Dr. A. Weisbach, Freiberg; Astronomische Nachrichten, Kiel; Der Naturforscher, Tübingen; Société Batave de Philosophie Experimentale de Rotterdam; Sociétés Malacologique, Entomologique de Belgique, Académie de Belgique, Bruxelles; Biblioteca Nazionale Centrale di Firenze; R. Società Italiana d'Igiene, Milan; R. Accademia dei Lincei, Rome; Société de Géographie, Ecole Libre des Sciences Politiques, Revue Internationale de l'Enseignement, Paris; Sociedade de Geographia de Lisboa, R. Academia de la Historia, Madrid; Revista Euskara, Pamplona, Spain; Royal Society, Royal Astronomical and Geographical Societies, Greenwich Observatory, Royal Horticultural Society, Liverpool; Natural History Society, Montreal; Mr. George L. Vose, Boston; Yale College,

American Journal of Science, New Haven; Meteorological Observatory, American Chemical Society, New York; Franklin Institute, American Journal of Medical Sciences, Publishers of the American Naturalist and the Naturalist's Leisure Hour; Prof. Angelo Heilprin, Henry Phillips, Jr., Mrs. Zelia Nuttall, Baltimore, Md.; United States Naval Institute, Annapolis; Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Md.; United States Commission of Fish and Fisheries, Navy Department, Public Opinion Co., Washington; Washburn College, Topeka; Imperial Observatorio, Rio de Janeiro.

An obituary notice of the late Judge James R. Ludlow, prepared (by request) by Hon. Richard Vaux, was read by the Secretary.

The President announced the death of Pliny Earle Chase, LL.D., Vice-President of the Society, December 17, 1886, æt. 65, and, on motion, was authorized to appoint a suitable person to prepare the usual obituary notice, pursuant to which the selection of Hon. Philip C. Garrett was made.

The President announced the death of Mrs. Emma Seiler December 21, 1886, æt. 65.

The President reported that, pursuant to the resolution of the last meeting, he had appointed Prof. Joseph Leidy to prepare the obituary notice of the late Isaac Lea, LL.D., and that said appointment had been accepted.

The stated business of the meeting was then taken up, and the report of the tellers of the annual election being received, the following officers and councilors were declared duly chosen for the year 1887:

*President.*

Frederick Fraley.

*Vice-Presidents.*

E. Otis Kendall, W. S. W. Ruschenberger, J. P. Lesley.

*Secretaries.*

G. F. Barker, D. G. Brinton, Henry Phillips, Jr., George H. Horn.

*Curators.*

Charles G. Ames, John R. Baker, Philip H. Law.

*Councilors for three years.*

Daniel R. Goodwin, Henry Winsor, William A. Ingham,  
Thomas H. Dudley.

*Councilor for two years in place of Oswald Seidensticker,  
resigned,*

Richard Vaux.

*Treasurer.*

J. Sergeant Price.

This being the evening for the nomination of a member to serve as Librarian for the ensuing year, Dr. D. G. Brinton re-nominated Mr. Henry Phillips, Jr., Dr. Persifor Frazer nominated Admiral E. Y. McCauley, and the nominations were closed.

Dr. D. G. Brinton read "Some Critical Remarks on the Writings of Diego de Landa."

Pending nomination No. 1151 and new nomination No. 1152 were read.

A report was presented by the Committee on Library, accompanied by the following resolution, which was adopted by the Society:

*"Resolved, That the Society request that the Library be kept open during the year 1887 from 10 A.M. to 3 P. M. from January 1st to May 31st and from October 1st to December 31st."*

A communication was read from Mr. E. Muybridge, requesting a subscription to his proposed work on "Animal Locomotion."

On motion the Library Committee was directed to report at the next stated meeting of the Society on the expediency of subscribing to it.

And the Society was adjourned by the President.